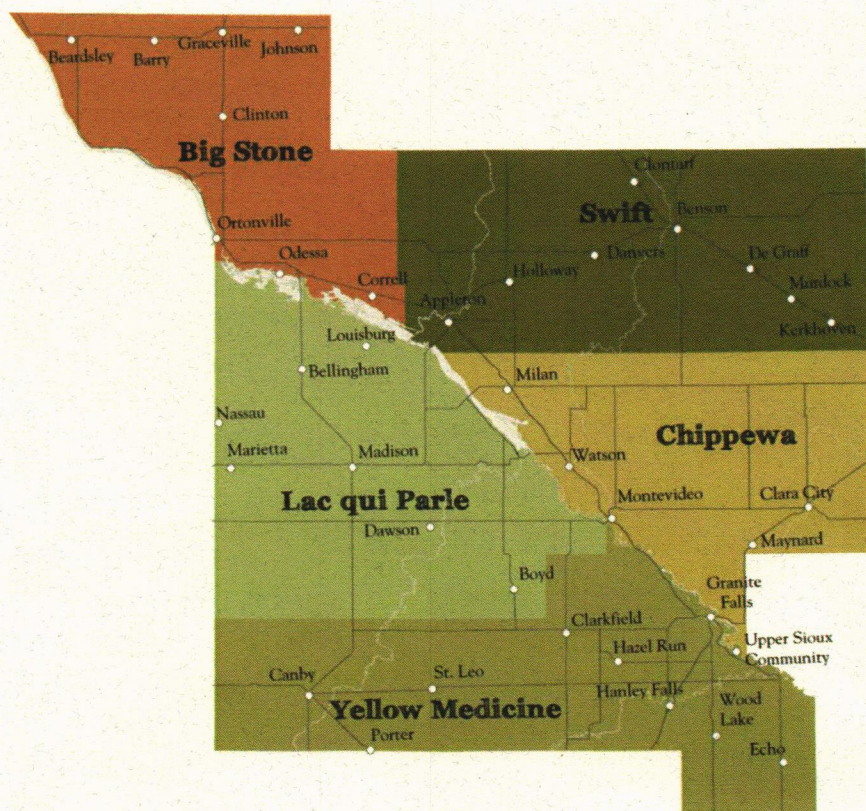


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2010 Census Data for *Porter, Minnesota*

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This Community Profile Brochure is comprised of statistical information from a variety of sources and will provide a snapshot of historical and current demographic, economic and social trends in the Upper Minnesota Valley Region. The purpose is to provide a concise summary of key community statistics to aid decision making about community and economic development.

This statistical and informational profile was compiled by the UMVRDC in collaboration with The Center for Small Towns at the University of Minnesota, Morris for all five counties (Big Stone, Chippewa, Lac qui Parle, Swift and Yellow Medicine) and 37 cities in the Upper Minnesota Valley Region.

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Demographics

The demographic profile below provides a snapshot of Porter and surrounding communities' historical, current and future population trends including population distribution and make up.

Comparison Historical Population from 1960 to 2010

| City | 1960 | 1970 | 1980 | 1990 | 2000 | 2010 | % Change |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Porter | 261 | 207 | 211 | 210 | 190 | 183 | -29.89% |
| Households | 93 | 77 | NA | 90 | 88 | 86 | -7.53% |
| Average Household Size | 2.81 | 2.69 | NA | 2.33 | 2.16 | 2.13 | -24.18% |
| Boyd | 419 | 311 | 329 | 251 | 210 | 175 | -58.23% |
| Clontarf | 139 | 147 | 196 | 172 | 173 | 164 | 17.99% |
| De Graff | 196 | 195 | 179 | 149 | 133 | 115 | -41.33% |
| Marietta | 327 | 264 | 279 | 211 | 174 | 162 | -50.46% |
| Bellingham | 327 | 263 | 290 | 247 | 205 | 168 | -48.62% |
| Yellow Medicine County | 15,523 | 14,415 | 13,653 | 11,684 | 11,080 | 10,438 | -32.76% |

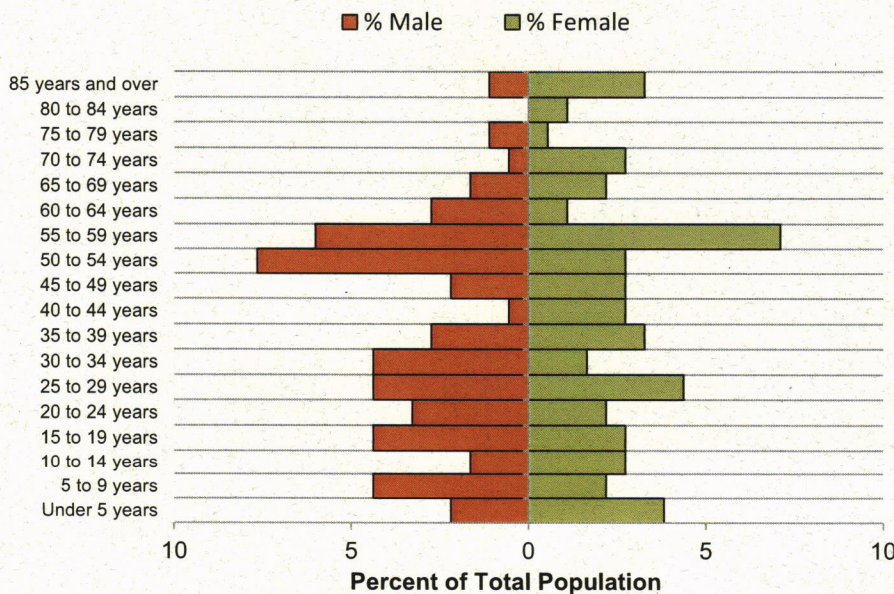
Source: US Census Bureau

Porter Population Projections

| | 2015 | 2020 | 2025 | 2030 | 2035 | % Change |
|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Porter | 140 | 136 | 126 | 119 | 115 | -17.86% |
| Yellow Medicine County | 9,980 | 9,970 | 9,720 | 9,660 | 9,600 | -3.81% |
| UMVRDC Region | 45,510 | 45,300 | 45,000 | 44,500 | 44,110 | -3.08% |

Source: Minnesota Demographic Center

Porter Population Distribution, 2010

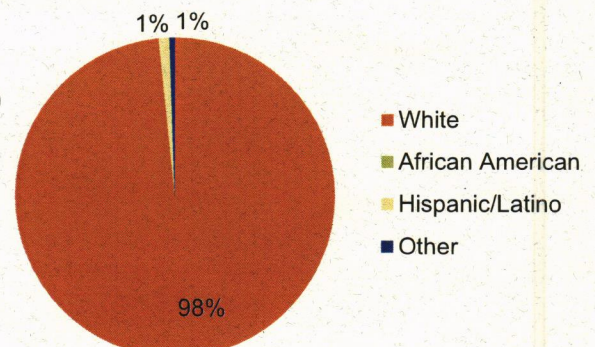


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 Decennial Census

The population distribution above shows that there is a large percentage of the population between the ages of 50 and 60 years. Porter has a 98% white population, which is typical for a community of this size.

Porter has seen an overall decrease in population of nearly 30 percent from 1960-2010. The population has fluctuated over the years, gaining in some decades, but losing population in most. The greatest loss of population was between 1960 and 1970. The population is projected to continue to decrease over the next few decades, however at a slower rate than it has in the past.

Race, 2010



Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial

Economic

The employment and industry data below represents a picture of the overall economic health of Porter and Yellow Medicine County. This data shows the diversity of the Region's economy.

Annual Median Household Income:

- City of Porter - \$44,091
- Big Stone - \$44,438
- Chippewa - \$44,712
- Lac qui Parle - \$48,269
- Swift - \$43,846
- Yellow Medicine - \$50,740
- UMRDC Region - \$46,401
- Minnesota - \$57,243

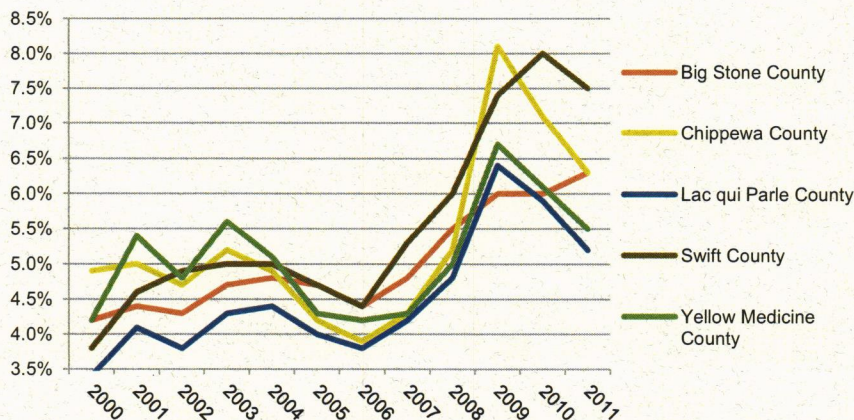
Source: 2007-2011 American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

Types of Employment in Porter, 2011

| Types of Industry | Number of Employees | Number of Firms | Total Wages | Average Weekly Wage |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Public Administration | 1 | 1 | \$4,536 | \$87 |
| Total, All Industries | 60 | 13 | \$1,913,450 | \$611 |

Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, QCEW

Unemployment Rates, 2000-2011

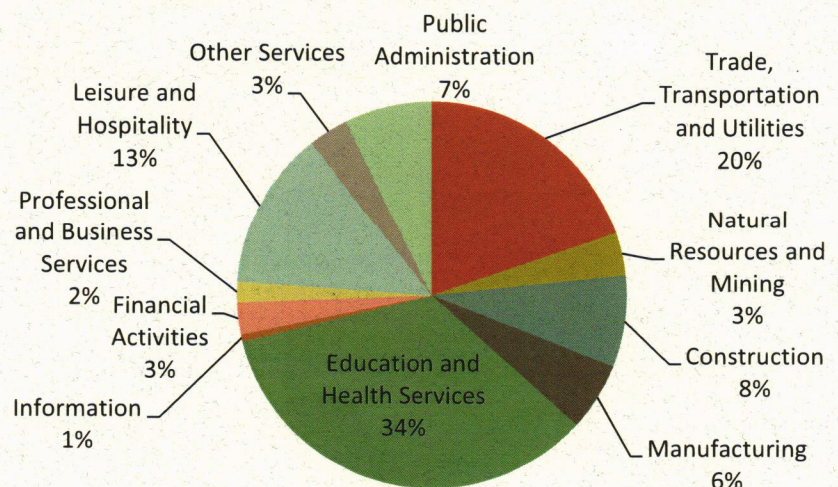


Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, LAUS

The employment categories shown in the table above and chart below show the 11 Super Sectors of Industry, which is the federal standard in data pertaining to business and industry. Much of the economic activity in Porter is outside the 11 Super Sectors, with only one of the 60 employees and one of the 13 firms within the sectors. The pie chart below details that in Yellow Medicine County, just over one third of all employment comes from Education and Health Services and another large employment sector is Trade, Transportation and Utilities. Yellow Medicine County had a slight increase in unemployment during the Recession of 2007-2009, but in 2011 had an unemployment rate under 5.5%.



Employment by Industry in Yellow Medicine County



Source: Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, QCEW

Housing & School Enrollment

The data presented below includes statistics related to school enrollment and housing in the Region, including median home values, median rent, median monthly housing costs and vacancy rates for communities in the UMRDC Region and the State of Minnesota.

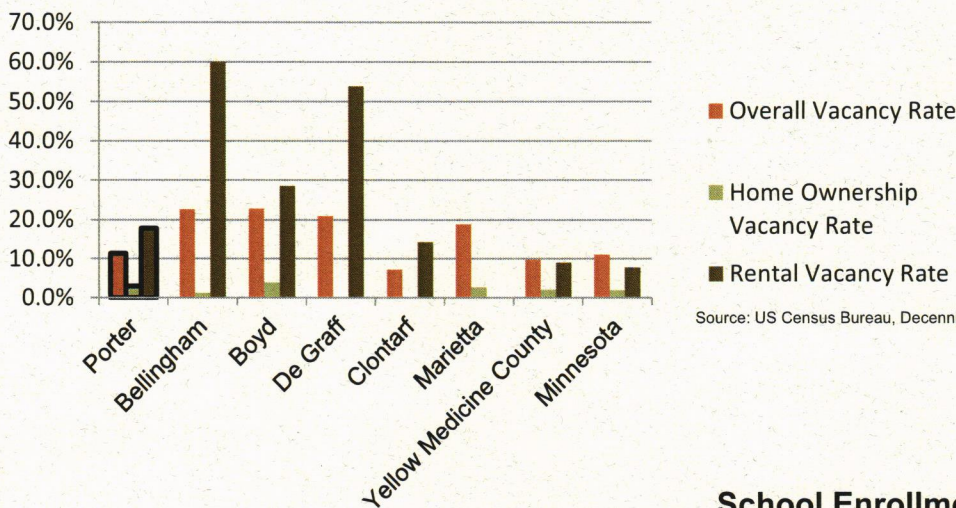
2010 Housing Statistics

At \$43,900, the median home value in Porter is below that of both Yellow Medicine County and the state of Minnesota, however it falls in the middle for median home values among surrounding communities in the Region. The same is true for median monthly housing costs for homeowners in Porter. Median rent in Porter, on the other hand, is higher than the median for the county and is the highest among similar sized communities, where data is available.

| City | Median Home Value | Median Rent | Median Monthly Housing Costs |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Porter | \$43,900 | \$650 | \$863 |
| Bellingham | \$36,900 | N/A | \$917 |
| Boyd | \$22,200 | \$535 | \$550 |
| Clontarf | \$81,900 | \$310 | \$582 |
| De Graff | \$38,400 | N/A | \$600 |
| Marietta | \$23,600 | N/A | \$560 |
| Yellow Medicine County | \$97,100 | \$505 | \$997 |
| Minnesota | \$206,200 | \$759 | \$1,549 |

Source: US Census Bureau, ACS (2006-2010)

2010 Vacancy Rates



Source: US Census Bureau, Decennial

Home ownership vacancy rate and rental vacancy rate are the proportion of the homeowner or rental inventory that is vacant "for sale" or vacant "for rent." The overall vacancy rate includes other vacancies such as vacant "sold - not occupied," seasonal housing and vacant "rented - not occupied." In 2010, the city of Porter had vacancy rates typical of a community this size.

Porter is part of the Canby School District, which, like other school districts in the Region, has seen a steady decline in school enrollment over the last decade. This decline in enrollment is consistent with the declining and aging population in the Region. Note that data was only available for public school districts.

School Enrollment Since 1999

| School District | 1999-2000 | 2005-2006 | 2010-2011 | % Change |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Benson School District | 1,216 | 1,050 | 970 | -20.23% |
| Canby School District | 766 | 581 | 522 | -31.85% |
| Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley School District | 565 | 434 | 377 | -33.27% |
| Dawson-Boyd School District | 681 | 544 | 517 | -24.08% |
| Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg School District | 664 | 585 | 557 | -16.11% |
| Lac qui Parle Valley School District | 1,245 | 1,007 | 820 | -34.14% |
| Lakeview School District | 589 | 609 | 595 | 1.02% |
| M.A.C.C.R.A.Y. School District | 986 | 790 | 674 | -31.64% |
| Montevideo School District | 1,599 | 1,459 | 1,342 | -16.07% |
| Ortonville School District | 717 | 530 | 527 | -26.50% |
| Yellow Medicine East School District | 1,299 | 1,081 | 862 | -33.64% |

Source: Minnesota Department of Education



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